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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MEETING WITH GOVERNING MAYOR AND
OTHER DIGNITARIES

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1. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL SOME CONCERN THAT PRESIDENT'S BERLIN SCHEDULE, AS IT IS SHAPING UP, WILL PROVIDE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO SPEAK WITH FOUR OR FIVE KEY BERLINERS. WE FAVOR IDEA THAT PRESIDENT RIDE FROM CONGRESS HALL TO TEMPELHOF IN COMPANY OF GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' PRESIDENT LORENZ AS ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION, BUT WE STILL BELIEVE THAT A FEW MINUTES' TIME, EITHER FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL AT CONGRESS HALL OR JUST PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING ITSELF IS DESIRABLE.

2. CUTTING LIST OF KEY BERLINERS TO BONE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT MEET PRIVATELY AND VERY BRIEFLY WITH GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE, WITH LORENZ, WITH MAYOR LUEDER WHO IS ALSO ECONOMICS MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FDP COALITION PARTY, AND WITH HORST ELFE, WHO AS PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE IS THE LEADER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HERE. ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON WHO
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DOES NOT FIT INTO THIS GROUP BY POSITION, BUT WHO HAS MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO OVERCOMING BERLIN'S PAST WOULD BE HEINZ GALINSKI, LEADER OF THE BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY WHICH HE REVIVED ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY AFTER THE WAR. THE PRESIDENT COULD MEET WITH THIS GROUP OF FIVE PERSONS TOGETHER, OR THEY COULD BE INTRODUCED TO HIM SEPARATELY; IN EITHER CASE, WE ESTIMATE THAT A MAX-

IMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. OUR REASONS FOR PRESSING THIS RECOMMENDATION REMAINS
OUR CONCERN THAT A FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MEET SOME BERLIN LEADERS IN ORDER TO
BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THEIR CONCERNS COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
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